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SUBJ: COMMENTS BY INDIAN DCM

LONDON FOR MOYNIHAN

FOLLOWING MAY 17 SESSION WITH BANGLADESH SPECIAL REP
SIDDIQUE, AMBASSADOR MEYER SPOKE WITH INDIAN DCM GONSALVES.
AMB. MEYER NOTED THAT HE SOMEWHAT DISTURBED BY IMPRESSION
SIDDIQUE LEFT THAT BANGLADESH HAD VETO OVER INDIA'S
DEALING WITH PAKISTAN ON POW QUESTION. GONSALVES IN EFFECT
AGREED THAT THIS WAS CORRECT. INDIA HAD TO STAY CLOSE TO
BANGLADESH POSITION AND AVOID ANY SPLIT BETWEEN THE TWO.
THIS APPEARED TO BE AN OBJECTIVE OF BHUTTO'S. ONCE HE SAW
THIS WOULD NOT SUCCEED, GONSALVES THOUGHT BHUTTO WOULD
START PROCESS OF BACKING DOWN. GONSALVES REITERATED
INDIAN LINE THAT CONCEPT OF THREE- WAY HUMANITARIAN EXCHANGE
NEEDED TO BE ACCEPTED AS WHOLE, BUT SPECIFICS OF PACKAGE
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WERE NEGOTIABLE. DESPITE CURRENT HOLD- UP, GONSALVES SAID
HE REMAINS RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC THAT LOGJAM WOULD IN
TIME BREAK. RUSH

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